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CUP FRENZY!

Punch-up at the Park



Heidelberg United lost the Victorian Ampol Cup final 5-0 at Olympic Park on Sunday but the pictures above suggest that victor Green Gully Ajax may have lost the fight. Photographer LES SHORROCK was on hand to shoot these graphic photos of Heidelberg goalkeeper Jeff Oliver tangling with Ajax's midfield dynamo Peter Boyle. Above (left), Oliver and Boyle first clash. Then (right), Oliver successfully applies a headlock with his left arm while he uses his right to ...

Scotland, Korea, Mexico

The Australian youth team has been rewarded for its sterling performance in reaching the World Youth Cup finals by being selected to play in the opening match against host nation Mexico in June.

The game, to be played in the gigantic Azteca Stadium in Mexico City, is expected to attract a crowd of 100,000 and in the words of ASF president Sir Arthur George is both an honor and an awesome responsibility.

The draw, for 16 teams from all continents, pits Australia against European champion Scotland, South Korea and Mexico.

ASF officials expressed great satisfaction at the way the draw had worked out.

"We must have a good chance of reaching the semi-finals if one of the two in our group," said secretary Brian Emery.

"Scotland is rated the best team in Europe, but we beat Mexico 3-0 in November and South Korea are not highly rated at this age group."

Coach Les Scheinfug also was very pleased, but conceded that Scotland would be very hard to beat.

"Scotland is the best team in Europe, much better than the Soviet Union, Poland or Czechoslovakia. I saw them win in Helsinki last year and I was very impressed," he said.

"Nerves on the opening day and the altitude are going to play a big part in our perform-

By LES SHORROCK



ance." The opening game will be played on June 2 and the Scotland match will be played on June 5 at Toluca, which, at 8800 feet, is even higher than Mexico City.

Australia meets South Korea in Toluca on June 8, and then, if it qualifies, will play the second round in either Mexico City or Monterrey.

The ASF is hoping to arrange friendly matches in Colorado on the way to Mexico to accustom the boys to higher altitudes, and probably will leave in the middle of April, after a farewell function to honor the youths, hosted by the Mexican Consul-General, Señor Carlos Villamil.

The draw:
Group A: Australia, Mexico, Scotland, South Korea.
Group B: USA, Poland, Uruguay, Ivory Coast.
Group C: Argentina, China, Czechoslovakia, Austria.
Group D: Soviet Union, Nigeria, Netherlands, Brazil.

And coach Ken Morton has his hands full in trying to pick a side under so many handicaps.

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However, captain Zoran Iloski still has not signed a new contract with JUST.

St George appears to be the most settled team in

St. George set for kill,
Bergers in trouble
Carroll's on the way

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Will St. George win the National League championship? We'll have some sort of an idea after its National Cup match against glamor team Sydney Olympic at St. George Stadium on Sunday.

Can Heidelberg overcome the problems that were so evident in its 0-5 loss to Ajax last Sunday when it takes on Cup opponent Footscray J.U.S.T. at revamped Schintler Reserve?

Is Paul Wormley the super star we're led to believe? We'll see when he leads the West Adelaide attack at Adelaide City.

And will South Melbourne Hellas finally win its first match, or will Makendonia get its revenge for that 0-9 loss to Hellas in a pre-season friendly?

These questions and many more are posed as clubs prepare in a frenzy of excitement for the first Cup round on Saturday and Sunday, the weekend before the NSL kicks off.

Heidelberg faces problems galore as it prepares to meet J.U.S.T. which should have striker Joe Carroll here by then. The Bergers' commitment was nil in the Ampol Cup final after falling behind against Ajax last Sunday and eventually losing 0-5.

Jim Campbell has a deep gash in his leg and may be out for as long as three weeks. Jamie Paton is suspended because he was sent off against Ajax, and Gary Cole may need an operation. He has been playing since the start of the year with a painful ankle injury.

Jim Tansey still has not signed a new contract (that's why, apparently, he didn't play in the Ampol Cup final) and there's still talk that John Yzendoorn may leave the club.

President Sam Goulopoulos, who has been working hard to overcome the club's problems, and who has been calling for unity, is the victim of a push to oust him.

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New star
at Hellas



Teenage winger Jim Kalabokis (above) could be starring in the NSL this year with South Melbourne Hellas judging by his stunning four goal performance in the Victorian Buffalo Cup semi-final last weekend. See page 10 for the story of this youngster's feet.



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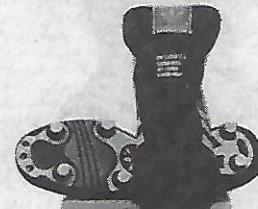
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Australian striker David Mitchell powers between New Zealand opponents Kenny Cresswell (left) and Keith McKay. LAURIE SCHWAB's report of New Zealand's 2-0 victory at Olympic Park is on page 6.

Andy Burton—pioneer

A great figure in Australian soccer, 79-year-old Andy Burton, passed away last week and we would be remiss in our duty if we failed to honor the grand old man of our sport.

Andy was for decades an ever present landmark at soccer grounds and meetings.

His shock of white hair, burly frame and booming voice ensured that he was a noted—and notable—participant in the often Machiavellian goings on which are characteristic of soccer in our land.

A quintessential Australian, Andy has probably done more than anyone else to make soccer an accepted part of the sporting scene.

By supporting the dramatic 1988 breakaway from the moribund NSW Soccer Association, he had a major hand to play in the dawning of this sport's all too brief "golden age" in the early sixties.

When xenophobia reigned supreme and soccer administrators saw their main task in excluding immigrants from a say in the game's running, Andy Burton had the vision and courage to stand by to recognise that "New Australians were the natural constituency for the round ball game."

He—and naturally his club, that most famous of district clubs, Canterbury-Marrickville—did not mind the "stigma" of associating themselves with Hakoah, Prague, APIA and Budapest.

As a result not only the so-called ethnic clubs, but also those major district clubs which threw their lot in with the "newcomers" prospered beyond all expectations.

It was thus a fitting honor when Andy was elected the first president of the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs.

In the past decade or so he was only a bystander as far as the administration of the code was concerned, but far from a disinterested one.

He was at all the big games and at the Sydney Sports Ground, was the undisputed man in charge at the legendary "Watering Hole" beneath the main stand.

There, over a well-stocked fridge, he was the catalyst for many a heated and passionate pre and post match discussion on the past and, yes, the future of the game to which he dedicated more than 60 years of his life.

Andy Burton is gone, he will be missed and I hope not forgotten.

IN FOCUS

by PETER SCOTT



when things started to backfire.

The current Socceroo coach is cut from a different mould.

After all, he has had many years to absorb the mistakes of Rasic, Shoulder, Green and Gutendron—and learn from them.

What is more, Les Scheinfug does seem to be the best man for the job—when compared with the current committee rules at Hakoah.

The upshot of the whole hulabaloo is that:

- A ghost writer at the Telegraph will cop most of the blame.
- Eddie was cited in front of the committee for a "please explain"; and
- There were general expressions of embarrassment all round.

In addition, a leading member of the Hakoah Soccer Management Committee emphatically rejected the possibility of ever returning to one man rule in the club.

"That is what has brought about the near downfall of Sydney City Hakoah soccer," he said.

How short lived glory can be...

Only about a year and a half ago Qatar and Cameroon set the soccer world on fire at the Youth World Cup in Australia.

Now, hardly anyone seems to have noticed their absence

from the field which will appear in Mexico later this season.

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The growing number of Australian players heading for Hong Kong has made the headlines recently, described as the "future of the East". Strange, my map shows Honkers well to the west of us!

The plush Hakoah Club in Sydney holds its annual meeting on Wednesday, March 24.

Usually these meetings are a tame and boring affair, with members ignoring the proceedings which were little more than a rubber stamp under the autocratic (and this is being kind) leadership of Kindy Kondo which is in place.

The hot tip is that 1983 will be somewhat different, with the possibility of a head-on collision between soccer supporters and the majority of Directors who have tired in recent months of their "hobos".

We'll keep you posted in the coming weeks!

Angry Adshead

After remaining tight-lipped for the first three days following his resignation as New Zealand coach, John Adshead has revealed the primary reasons for his shock decision; made just a few days before last week's clash against Australia in Auckland.

These were:

- Important decisions, vital to the national team, were made without him being consulted; although he had to convey them to the squad.
- The hierarchy of the NZ federation allegedly failed to appreciate that the players were the most important individuals in the sport, not it.
- The alleged dictatorial attitude of Charlie Dempsey.

It was remarkable that the "marriage of convenience" between the extrovert Adshead and egocentric Dempsey remained intact for so long. Its dissolution marks the end of the most glorious chapter in New Zealand soccer history.

— PAUL MOON

Coutts from Aberdeen boosts Uni

By WALTER PLESS

"If the players can adopt the same attitude as last season, and if we can add a few experienced players to the team, then we'll be able to hold our heads up," he said.

Coutts has had a lot of experience in the big time to back him up. He was physiotherapist to Aberdeen from 1971 until 1978, when he came to Australia. It was during this period that the "Dons" won the Scottish League Cup.

It was at Aberdeen that Ron built a lifelong friendship with Canberra amateur coach, George Murray. Even now they're often on the phone to each other. Murray coached Aberdeen for the seven years that Coutts was physiotherapist. Players with Aberdeen

during that time included Martin Buchan, Willie Young, Jim Hermitage, Joe Harper and Gordon Strachan.

Coutts holds the preliminary coaching badge of the Scottish Football Association and served as the physiotherapist on a number of Scottish senior badge courses.

Despite his years in the big time, Coutts enjoys coaching University.

Tasmanian soccer is not a let down. "University is a great club with a good tradition," he says. "There are people here who have been with the club for a long time and their tremendous efforts are entirely voluntary. There are no petty jealousies at this club and our facilities are the best in the State."

He's not wrong about that. The club has two floodlit grounds and a fully-equipped gymnasium. The club also has some useful players.

"Gary Jenkins, Chris Hartigan, Keith Broadhurst and Peter Crowthorne all have State League experience, and we hope to sign former State coaching director, Steve Darby," says Coutts.

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The groups for the Tasmanian Soccer League pre-season competition which kicks off on Wednesday, March 9 have been decided.

Group A consists of RAPID-WREST POINT, OLYMPIA, CROATIA-GLENORCHY, and CALEDONIANS. Group B teams are JUVENTUS-PIPER, WHITE EAGLES, METRO-CLEMONTON and UNIVERSITY.

The Rothmans League pre-season competition, which will be run concurrently, also is made up of two groups. Group C teams are SOUTH HOBART, NELSON

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WOLVES SIGN McBREEN

Wollongong City last week found the player who could solve its midfield problems.

Jim McBreen (pictured) the powerhouse midfielder who can make and score goals, signed a one year contract with the Wolves in a major move that left coach Willie Wallace with the broadest of smiles.

The new Wollongong boss had been searching for a quality midfielder ever since taking over late last year, after coaching APIA. But when it appeared his efforts to find a quality school had failed, up popped McBreen with a free transfer from APIA and the deal with the Wolves became a mere formality.

McBreen was a member of the Wollongong team which made its national league debut in 1981.

But early last year he moved to Sydney Club APIA Leichhardt. Under Wallace's guidance at APIA McBreen became tremendous asset in a gifted side which went on to win the Heideberg 2-1 in Melbourne, with McBreen earning the accolade of Man of the Match.

McBreen did not hesitate to



the Prestons, Dunleavy and Flemings.

"It's just great to be back," McBreen said.

"I used to enjoy playing in Wollongong two years ago and there should be no reason why things should not be the same this year."

Wallace believes the arrival of McBreen will give the side the necessary drive and continuity in midfield—something which was lacking in recent pre-season games.

"Jimmy is a 100 per cent player who enjoys his football," Wallace said.

"He should be the right example for his teammates and he has also got a fair amount of class."

Wallace said that the Wolves would be playing with four midfielders in the national league.

"A 4-3-3 line-up seems to suit my players more," Wallace said.

"With four men in the middle we are more composed and appear to be creating more chances."

McKendry v. Rasic in big charity clash

Coaches Rale Rasic and Len McKendry will be pitted against each other in a clash between a national league select and a Victorian State League select on Wednesday, March 9, in aid of the Bush Fire Appeal.

The game kicks off at 8.15 pm at Olympic Park.

Rasic, the man who took Australia into the 1974 World Cup finals, is in charge of the national league side. McKendry, the most successful coach in the history of the Victorian state team, is taking care of the State League outfit.

Olympic Park's committee of management has thrown its weight behind the charity clash by allowing the VSF free use of the ground, the Olympic Park staff and facilities.

McKendry still had two places to fill in his 16 member State League squad as we went to

press. He was able to confirm that the following players had been selected:

Lou Denys (Ajax); Sean Keogh (Doveton); Peter Lewis (Ajax); Steve Short (Ajax); Stuart Cannell (Ajax); Keith Adams (Croatia); John Dowie (Doveton); Paul Wade (Croydon); Jim Williams (Ajax); Paul Lewis (Ajax); Carl Gilder (Sunshine-George Cross); Tommy Cumming (Croatia); Ian Roodhouse (Box Hill); David Brogan (Croatia).

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Ron Coutts



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Boardroom changes recipe for failure

It was interesting to read Peter Katholos' recent "Kat's Corner" column on what makes a good soccer player.

Mike Johnson

I want to follow up Peter's comments and look at what makes a good administrator.

It is generally accepted within soccer that the poor quality of administration at club and federation level is holding back the game more than any other factor. Certainly, I agree to that view.

So what makes a good administrator?

First, he should possess a stable temperament, never ready to fly off the handle over any one of the numerous problems which are cropping up all the time in the running of a professional club.

It also helps if he has intelligence, is methodical, even better if he has some management training in how to handle people as well as how to introduce and implement forward planning.

But far and away the most important attribute of an administrator is that he must be experienced.

And that is the big problem with our administration, especially at club level.

The constant changing of committees, along with key personnel — presidents, secretaries, and treasurers — means that too few of them are in the job long enough to do well.

Presidents and their committees are voted in and out of power on an annual basis along with their plans, ideas and philosophies.

This is happening among our most powerful national league clubs as well as the minnows in the lower leagues, where it is a little more understandable and pardonable.

It is the very reason that Marconi, a club poised on the edge of greatness, has crumbled and tattered from crisis to crisis.

It is the reason that Sydney Olympic never has won a major trophy in 25 years of existence.

The average is the reason why Sydney City and St George BS have been at the vanguard of Australian soccer for the last 15 years.

Andrew Lederer, Frank Lowey, Alex Pongrass and Les Bordacs are readily recognisable to most soccer followers.

All four are talented administrators and highly experienced from handling the affairs of their respective clubs for many years.

It will be very intriguing to observe how Sydney City will fare now that Lowey and

Lederer are taking a less responsible role in that club's affairs.

I experienced just how volatile the administration of some of our clubs can be during two years with Wollongong United in which we had four different presidents and four different secretaries.

It is the main reason why this potentially fine club with excellent support has not, to date, been able to win promotion to NSW State League, getting within one point on two occasions.

If you look at the situation at JUST, in Melbourne, you find that it is changing its administration almost as often as its coaches.

This is no way to build a foundation for success.

Nick Papas, president of APIA, has hung in there for several years and is the reason why the club has a modicum of stability despite far too many coaching changes.

One very crucial area of our administration which is totally unstable, is that of promotion, public relations and publicity. This is so despite the fact that many of the people in these roles in our top clubs are paid personnel!

At Marconi we have had, in the space of three years, Michael Urukale, George Keith and now Sue Whitechurch.

We have seen the recent appointment and resignation of Steven Blatchford at Sydney Olympic.

His job was at one time offered to Attie Abonyi who was to take on the role of assistant coach and secretary/promotions officer.

You could not get two jobs more different and requiring such different specialisation.

The job offer to Abonyi typified the unprofessional way this crucial role has been looked after by so many clubs.

Even Sydney City, with its hard-headed approach to most things, managed to employ successively John Warren, then David Childs, Michael Urukale and now Paul Baytut in a period of five years to head their publicity and promotions drive along with the important work of finding sponsorship.

Dave McGuire has quit his promotion and secretarial job at Newcastle with the season due to start.

When you consider that many of the aforementioned people were employed in the same capacity it is a wasteful turnover of personnel.

There is no substitute for experience, in all facets of life. In soccer it applies to players, coaches and administrators alike.

Running a soccer club is as difficult an enterprise as you could wish to take on and key positions must be in the hands of competent, experienced people who know what it is all about.

The Victorian state squad which defeated Queensland 2-0 a fortnight ago. Back row: Arnold Langer (team manager), John Dimitroff (VSF president), Peter Lewis, Ken Murphy, Dennis Boland, Jeff Oliver, Ian Dobson, Charlie Yankos, Charlie Egan, Stefan Mila, Bob McLachlan (assistant coach). Front: Stan Slezak (assistant team manager), Doug Brown, John Yzendoorn, Steve Woodin, Jim Campbell, George Campbell, Keith Adams, Paul Lewis, Tim White (coach). Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

Newlook Vics a force again

**Victory over
Queensland in Bris-
bane was the icing on
the cake for a very
good all-round per-
formance by the Vic-
torian State team.**



TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

for a season, John Gardiner got older and made way for younger players, Yakkia Bannovic went overseas and Peter Laumets just simply lost form.

Steve Blair, Alan Davidson and Gary Cole were rarely available because of international duty and so it was time to put together a new squad.

I have tried out a number of players and I have certainly watched a lot of players and I now feel I am getting much closer to assembling a squad of players that will make Victoria proud.

The signs were evident on the field in Brisbane and, very importantly, the players also were evident off the field.

The team played with a lot more cohesion and complemented off the ball and supporting off the ball and supporting for the player on the ball.

The attitude of the players to each other was superb and this contributed greatly to the teamwork.

This same attitude continued off the park and the net result was a harmonious squad which laughed together but got serious when it was time to be serious.

Players like Kokoska, Tansey, Cummings were hampered by injuries although the latter pair are back and fast making up lost ground. Steve Stewart was unceremoniously dumped

Putting Dennis Boland in goal before Jeff Oliver was one of my hardest decisions as Oliver had performed superbly against New York Cosmos. I felt Dennis' early season form just gave him the edge on this occasion.

The other difficult decisions was to play Charlie Egan before Paul Lewis as I believe the latter's form for his club, Green Gully Ajax had been excellent in the pre-Cup. However, in the very hot and humid conditions I had ideas to introduce the dynamic pace of Paul Lewis later in the game when the heat had taken its toll.

However, the best laid plans of men are not always to be as Charlie Egan received a very early injury.

The introductions of Ian Dobson proved to be a winner as he performed very well indeed. He was assisted from John Yzendoorn. Dobson grew in stature as the game progressed and he won many admirers in the Sunshine State.

George Campbell relished playing in his favourite left wing position and benefited

from the support given to him from full back Charlie Yankos and Jim Campbell and Ken Murphy in midfield. They complimented wee George to take on his full back whenever one-on-one situations occurred and he responded superbly.

Steve Woodin showed his central attack at times and as a central attacker always was showing himself when his teammates had possession.

Yzendoorn is a very determined player at the moment with his eyes firmly fixed on the national team. If he continues with his club and the state team from now on when he left off in Queensland, I'm sure he will be a national team contender soon.

The nucleus of a good squad now is present and it is my intention to hold regular sessions with additional players being invited to join them. The door is open for other players to force their way into the squad but I do not intend starting from scratch every time we have a match.

The interest generated by the interstate clash is something that should be built on with possibly a game between Victoria and NSW after the latter plays Queensland in May. These games would provide interest, rivalry and good opportunity for the national coach to see the best in the States playing against each other. It would obviously be a benefit to him as he prepares his squad for the long build-up to the 1986 World Cup.

STEWART — TWICE BITTEN BUT NOT SHY



Ricky Rosso

prisingly, was not named in the preliminary national youth squad.

The story goes that Scheinfug, acting on information from his own Queensland sources, was under the belief that Stewart did not have the right attitude to play for his country. That belief was reinforced by an incident in the national championship semi-final that saw Stewart get a yellow card and miss the final through suspension.

But Queensland team officials, confident in the ability and approach of their captain, were outraged when Stewart was not named in the national squad. They demanded Scheinfug come to Queensland for a second look, and after watching him in a trial, seeing him out by a QSF official, and talking to the player, Stewart was invited to attend a training camp.

In the months and tours that followed, Scheinfug managed to take the rough edges off Stewart's play and he progressed from being a fringe player to commanding a regular spot and being one of the unsung heroes of the young Socceroos' Costa Rica campaign.

Now, under the direction of Luis' Simon Kisternaker, who is very similar in approach and technique to the national coach, it would not be surprising to see Stewart develop into one of the country's top players.

And if he does, it will be a tremendous achievement from a youngster who began his career as a four-year-old in an under-7's competition.

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By ALEX VESIC

St George 1 Marconi 1

Ground: Marconi
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Referee: Gary Power 9
Yellow cards: Bozanic, Budin, Jankovic, Skjean
Goals: Dez Marton (SOI), McCullough (M).

ST GEORGE: Greedy 9, Skeen 5, R. O'Shea 6, M. O'Shea 7, J. O'Shea 6, Kocza 6, (Fisher 105%), Barton 5 (Papies 81), Moskovits 6, Stone 6, Wilkinson 6, Marton 7.

MARCONI: Maher 8, Bozanic 7, Rizzotto 6, Budini 7, Degney 6, McCulloch 7, Carbone 6, Sermanni 6, Brown 5, Jankovic 5, (Djordjevic 84%), Licata 5 (Hunter 84%).

With seconds remaining in the NSW Ampol Cup final, Marconi scored through Tom McCulloch, its most enterprising player, to earn a deserved draw against St George and a chance to win the cup in tonight's (Wednesday's) replay at Marconi.

St. George, minus David Ratcliffe, and Marconi minus Tony Henderson, played a tremendous pace providing spectators with a thrill of spills of a cap full of oil.

Saints went into the game as odds on favourites after knocking out Sydney Olympic then Sydney City in convincing style. However, Marconi's coach, Doug Collins, refused to accept the idea of being beaten. Before the match he issued an all out attack order to his players who came terribly close to winning the cup.

In the first half of the first 20 minutes of play in the second period, it was all Marconi with chances coming thick and fast but young Terry Greedy, in goal for Saints, made miraculous saves to keep his side in the match. Greedy was on the spot to deny Rod Brown in the 51st minute, then made another great save from the same player 30 seconds later.

In the 54th minute it looked like curtains for Saints as

Tommy Sermanni swung at the ball from six metres out but Greedy's anticipation was tremendous as he went to his left to block what looked a certain goal.

Greedy was on the spot to save Saints during the first half as Marconi made some quick breaks through the middle. Attilio Carbone was through to score on the break by Peter Marton to face Greedy in the 22nd minute but Greedy was in fine touch as he jumped high to deflect the ball away from his net for a corner.

Minutes later, Renzo Licata made a fine save as Greedy came out to dive at Licata's feet and block a certain goal.

While Greedy was superb at one end, Alan Maher did enough to earn a billing as second best player of the night. He saved from Dez Marton's free kick in the 58th minute could be rated as one of the best save the Marconi keeper has produced — flying high to his left to tip the ball around the post for a corner.

In fact, Maher made the first and possibly the most important save of the match when he came out to face John Moskovits in the second minute. Moskovits appeared to be at least five metres offside but was not flagged after receiving the ball from Paul Wilkinson and went on to find Maher well out of goal. Maher however moved to his left and finger-tipped the ball clear.

Barton's flick shot in the 28th minute was brilliantly saved by Maher but the experienced keeper could not stop a sizzler from Marton in the 65th minute.

Following a through ball by Andrew Kocza, R. O'Shea and Skeen were away on the right flank who passed a fine looking cross into the penalty area. A poor clearance by Marconi's defence saw the ball bounce once before reaching Marton some 14 metres out.

Marton showed just how dangerous he is and in a flash

had the ball tucked away with a great right foot volley. It was a superb shot which drew a gasp of exasperation from Collins, who said: "You can't leave him alone for a moment, can you?"

Saints could have made it 2-0 with 17 minutes to go after Marton flicked the ball over Marconi's defence for Moskovits to run into the clear, but he made heavy weather of the whole thing, shooting high over the bar.

Marconi came back through McCulloch. Jovan Djordjevic took a free kick and a flick pass by Sermanni saw McCulloch race between two St George players to nudge the ball past the advancing Greedy.

In extra time, Marconi appeared to have more stamina and for the most part had the upper hand in the dying moments. Djordjevic came speeding down the right flank before crossing for Brown to slam his first timber just wide of the far post, much to the relief of Saints players.

It appeared to be a just result, with Marconi definitely having the edge but Saints



Marconi goalkeeper Allan Maher.

always looked capable of countering through quick breaks. Robbie Slater, Saints injured forward, was sadly missed.

Djordjevic, who came on for Saints will be yet another poser for Collins. How to stop Marton? The return of Tony Henderson might solve that problem, while Saints will be hoping for the return of Robbie Slater.

THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF

Sydney City 2 Croatia 1

Ground: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 5496
Referee: G. Warne 5
Scorers: Reader, Boden (SC), Hensman (C)
SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 7, Muller 7, Robertson 7, Gomez 7, Bruce 6, Pezzano 6, Watson 8, Barnes 6, Boden 6, De Margi 6 (Reader 27') — 6, Lee 5 (Sargeant 59').
CROATIA: Watson 7, Kovacic 7, Tomasich 7, Basic 5, Coyne 6, Woods 6, Razic 6, Savor 8, Campbell 5 (Gallic 66'), Carrizosa 6, Hensman 6 (Radman 79').

This was the match which Croatia needed to win to prove its rating as the top State League club. It faced a depleted Sydney City Hakoah but its strikers were not involved enough to worry Tony Pezzano and his defenders.

It was a lack lustre match and one which I am sure will be easily forgotten.

Sydney City Hakoah was the better side for most of this match but was guilty of some glaring misses in front of goal.

Wayne Reader put the Sliders into the lead soon after replacing the injured De Margi. Following a corner kick by Watson, Ken Boden headed

to the feet of Reader and a snap shot by the youngster beat Steve Watson.

45 seconds later Croatia was on level terms after Peter Hensman headed past Pezzano from a cross by Drago Rezo.

It was all Sydney City in the second half and it was only a matter of time before the score was broken. Reader was the spot to head home the winner in the 72nd minute to seal the win for the Sliders.

The same player had an ideal opportunity to score yet another in the 80th minute, but tried to walk into the net and lost possession close to the goal line!

Newcastle and Marconi to win

from page one

the NSL. It has lost Robbie Slater who has a broken leg, but has replacements in Moskovits, Feher and Kocza. Apart from that, Saints have a band of tried and true performers — a tight unit led by the great Frank Arot and that uncanny striker, Dez Marton, whose goalscoring exploits have been nothing short of amazing in the NSW Ampol Cup.

Olympic has stirred the passion of its supporters by signing big-name players Patikas, Soper and Herbert, and it also boasts brilliant Peter Katholos. It remains to be seen whether all that individual brilliance will produce a team as cohesive as St George.

In my opinion Saints will

Hellas, which like Olympic, has been rebuilding, managed only three draws and a loss in the Ampol Cup but the team has great potential in top players like Davidson, Russell, Blair, Caine, Murphy, Egan and Woodin.

Makedonia will put up the shutters and hope for a victory through breakaways. Zarko Odzakov from Vardar Skopje has greatly improved. Makedonia's midfield, and midfielder Livingstone has yet to arrive from Scotland.

It looks like a Hellas victory.

Newcastle could be one of the dark horses of the NSL due to the fine play of David Lowe, Bob Mountford, Howard Tredinnick, and the experience of Peter Burke and Gary Watson, the two new centre backs from England.

Without Burke and Watson, who replace Roy Drinkwater and John Sneddon, Newcastle is a very settled side, and it could cause an upset against APIA at the International Sports Centre on Saturday. APIA Belgravia will strengthen APIA's defence but up front, APIA may be lacking. The Morsello-Valeri-Giampolo attacking partnership looks great on paper but so far, only Giampolo has been putting in the required commitment. Sydney City, champion for

the past three years, again will be a formidable combination despite the loss of Jim Patikas and John Spanos. It still hopes to sign a couple of Israeli internationals and it has of course recruited Paul Kay.

However, its recent 0-4 loss to St George in the Ampol Cup prompts me to expect a Marconi victory over Sydney City at Marconi Stadium. Marconi's young team, which includes youth internationals McCulloch, Brown, Licata and Carbone, backed by the experience of Henderson, Bozanic, Maher, Jankovic and Hunter, held St. George to a 1-1 draw in the Ampol Cup final.

Paul Wormley, top scorer in the Queensland State League last year, will link with Romuald Medilli and Wall Bojicak in West Adelaide's attack. Wormley built a strong reputation at Townsville United and should inspire victory against Adelaide City at Hindmarsh.

Cannibal's winning midfield of Gary Byrne, George Christopoulos and New Zealand international Duncan Cole, should steamroll Wollongong which looks in real danger of facing relegation at the end of the season. A Canberra victory at Seaford Oval on Saturday evening at 7pm, hopefully will bring back some of the fans who strayed last year.

First round National Cup matches, with likely winners in capitals:

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED v APIA-Liechhardt at International Sports Centre, Saturday 3pm.

CANBERRA CITY v Wollongong at Seaford Oval, Queanbeyan, Saturday 7pm.

BRISBANE CITY v Brisbane Lions at Perry Park, Sunday 3pm.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS v WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday 2.30pm.

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST v Sydney Olympic at St George Stadium, Sunday 3pm.

MARCONI-JETSUN v Sydney City at Marconi Stadium, Sunday 3pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v Preston Makedonia at Middle Park, Sunday 3pm.

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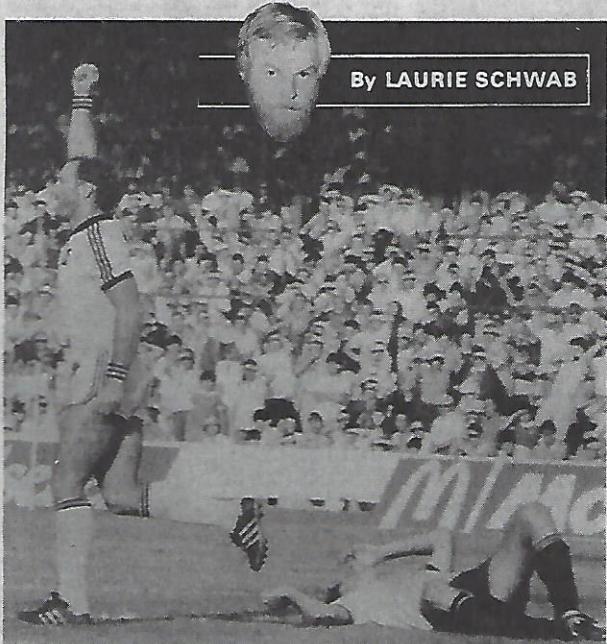
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BERTOGNA TO PARTNER BLAIR?

Changes needed before English clashes in June

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Duncan Cole's raised, clenched fist of triumph tells the tale. Australia has gone 1-0 down.

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AUSTRALIA 0 NEW ZEALAND 2 (Cole 66th, Adam 73rd), international match at Olympic Park, crowd about 14,000. Referee: Jack Johnston (Tas) 8.

AUSTRALIA: Crook 7 - Ratcliffe 6 - Davidson 8, Blair 7, Christopoulos 8, Niven 6 - Katholos 7, Byrne 7 - Mitchell 7, Kosmina 6 (Soper 75th) O'Connor 8. Coach: Les Scheinfug.

NEW ZEALAND: Pickering 9 - Elrick 7, Herbert 8, Booth (injured, 15th min., sub. Adam 8), Armstrong 8 - Cole 7, McKay 6, Crosswell 6, Turner 6 - Woodfin 7, Nelson 6 (McClure 80th). Coach: Alan Jones.

And now comes England. That would have been a much more exciting prospect had the Socceroos beaten New Zealand at Olympic Park last Sunday but now it's the cause of some concern.

There were calls for wholesale changes after this defeat, but coach Les Scheinfug is also chipping in.

He and all of us saw what can happen if team changes are made willy-nilly. It was this type of instability that led eventually to Australia's downfall in the 1981 World Cup qualifying series.

But I am sure Scheinfug realises that he needs at least two — perhaps three players with more experience. In fact he said at the post-match Press conference that he's eager to hear from coaches who can recommend the right type of player.

What he needs is a few commanding personalities willing to "play the piano" — as Peter Katholos puts it.

For one thing we'll see APIA's Arno Bertogna coming into the team against England in June.

There is a need for a commanding centre back to partner Steve Blair. David Ratcliffe lacked a bit of speed and authority in that position against New Zealand. Tony Henderson could return to the sweeper's position, rather than Bertogna, in which case, Bertogna could go to right back where he played for some time with Newcastle KB United. It would mean that Alan Davidson would switch from right back to left back at the expense of Alan Jones who was the left end on Sunday.

A commanding midfielder also is required — but who? The question doesn't apply only in the midfield context, but across the board. Let's be honest and say that any difference in standard between the players on the field last Sunday and other good players across the country is only marginal if anything.

So back to the midfield. The names that spring to mind are Jim Petrikas, Peter Stone, Theo Selimidis (he had a great Asian Cup series if you forgot the final), perhaps Oscar Crino of whom I expect big things this year.

But really, you can't say that any of them would make a remarkable difference. Marshall Soper comes into contention up front. The tall Sydney Olympic striker who

defended well in numbers, they pick up and close down quickly, they are ever alert for a quick break.

The midfield is far from flabby.

In fact, it's unobtrusive,

yet it does its job well within the team framework.

Duncan Cole is the most powerful and incisive of those midfielders, but the real strength lies in defence —



Former South Melbourne Hellas team mates, Alan Davidson (left) and Grant Turner, on opposing sides at Olympic Park on Sunday. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

replaced John Kosmina during Sunday's match is fast, fearless and skillful and probably will be in one of the starting line-ups against England. David O'Connor, Newcastle, probably isn't far from selection either. And Paul Kay, back from Charlton Athletic could be a dark horse, for the squad at least.

Looking at the nucleus of the side — Alan Davidson remains a vital cog.

If all players had his passion, his leadership qualities, his fanaticism and his energy on the field, we could win the World Cup. Steve Blair will stay, as will Peter Katholos, David Mitchell, Phil O'Connor, John Kosmina even though he was replaced last Sunday, and big George Christopoulos who is a most important player.

Christopoulos played as stopper against New Zealand, marking Keith Nelson while Blair picked up Steve Woodfin. As well as doing that defensive task, Christopoulos pushed up into midfield and did a lot of covering work for his team mates. He is the sort of commanding, strong player on whom our long-term hopes rest, but I can't help wondering whether the team wouldn't perhaps have had more attacking thrust had Christopoulos not been given that marking duty.

Another nagging doubt in my mind is whether perhaps the players train a little bit too long for these matches. I could be wrong, of course. Let's turn to New Zealand. It has beaten Australia four times out of five since 1979, the other result being a 3-3 draw. It didn't play better soccer than Australia last Sunday, but it was well organised, resolute and took advantage of Australia's defensive lapses.

In addition, the New Zealand players generally are older and physically stronger than the present crop of Australians. They also have greater maturity.

These are all valuable assets. They are the assets Australia had in the 1973-74 World Cup campaign.

They defend well in numbers, they pick up and close down quickly, they are ever alert for a quick break.

Pickering's first good save was in the 7th minute when he slipped the ball over the top with his fingertips as O'Connor tried to chip it in after a through ball from Kosmina.

At the other end, Blair stopped Woodfin in a dangerous position with a desperate slide tackle.

Shortly afterwards Pick-

ering, under pressure from Kosmina, was unable to gather in a back-header from O'Connor. The ball bounced and hit the post before Booth belted it away for a corner.

Booth was hurt in a clash with Davidson and had to be replaced by Glen Adam in the 15th minute. Before that however, David Mitchell, away on a Katholos pass, squared the ball menacingly across the goal mouth, but no one was there to put it away.

Katholos, marked by Kenny Crosswell, forced Pickering's first save in the 34th minute after Mitchell had headed it down for the shot.

Then Christopoulos played a long through pass to O'Connor who wriggled into a shooting position. Pickering couldn't hold the ball on the ground, O'Connor got another chance but Armstrong took it off O'Connor's foot.

And so Australia was having a good spell of the play and certainly had the opportunity enough chances to win, but the play slowed down towards the end of the half and there was slow hand-slapping from the crowd before Niven and Katholos forced Pickering to save two more good shots.

Mitchell fell three times in two attacks inside the penalty area just after half time, but penalty appeals were rejected by referee Jack Johnston and Pickering saved yet another good shot from Katholos.

One noticeable mistake by the Australian forwards was their failure to get on shots at goal. Had someone been marking in my head in the 50th minute as Pickering could only repel a low shot from O'Connor. As it was, Herbert moved in to clear the loose ball.

Australia dominated play for 20 minutes after half time and O'Connor actually slammed the ball into the net from a through ball by Niven, but the move was ruled offside.

In the 64th minute the ball again ran loose as Pickering blocked a shot by Katholos but again the ball was following in to put it away.

New Zealand was being beaten thoroughly in midfield now, but that mattered little as Cole shot New Zealand into the lead in the 66th minute after Elrick, McKay and Nelson had worked the ball to the edge of the penalty area.

The second goal was an indication of the Australian defence. Niven was playing the ball as the defence moved out square, and he lost it. The ball bobbed behind the defence, and Adam started chasing it. Goalkeeper Martyn Crook rushed forward quickly and did manage to dive at Adam's feet to smother. He could not however, gather the ball in, and so Adam was left with the simple task of putting it into the empty net.

In the last chapter, Marshall Soper came on for John Kosmina. But his miss narrowly with headers from Pickering's backside saved Australia from another New Zealand goal.

It happened like this: McClure broke away through the midfield and spotted Woodfin clear to his left, with an unimpeded path to goal. McClure aimed a through ball towards Woodfin. Had it reached its mark, Woodfin certainly would have scored, but the pass bounced off Davidson's bum.

The Socceroos continued fighting, giving everything in their hearts despite the hopelessness of their position. New Zealand stood firm.

The Kiwis had earned their glory.



Australian captain John Kosmina (left) takes on New Zealand defender Glen Adam.

AJAX WINS IT 'ALL WRONG'

'Expert' 'Bergers insult opponents and their club

GREEN GULLY AJAX 5
(Smallman 71st, 78th, Paul Lewis 26th, Boyle 61st, Williams 90th) **HEIDELBERG ALLEXANDER** 0. Victorian Ampol Cup final at Olympic Park, Sunday, Crowd about 12,000. Referee: Bambridge 8.

GREEN GULLY AJAX:

Denva 9 — Peter Lewis 7, Canning 8, Short 7, Hogben 8 — Vassalli 7, Smallman 9, Boyle 9 (Grecham 83rd), Williams 8 — Toal 9, Paul Lewis 7. Coach: Len McKendry.

HEIDELBERG UNITED:

Oliver 6 — McMillan 5, Yzendoorn 5, Macleod 5, Yankos 5 — Semelidis 4, Campbell (Inj.), Paterson 16, 41, Spanos 4, Valentine 6 — Boyle 3 (Paton 67th sent off 75th), Lee 7. Coach: Ken Morton.

Let's regionalise our national competition immediately! That's the only way we can allow quality teams like Green Gully Ajax to display their wares where they belong — at the highest level in the land.

More power to Ajax, its players, coach Len McKendry, its administrators and its playing style. What's all this rubbish I've been hearing since McKendry took over about Ajax becoming a boring side? Come to think of it, there are only people who suggested that to me — people who don't like McKendry, as a man or as a coach and don't agree with his philosophy on the game. Anyway, I met a couple of these critics after this match and they were pushing each other out of the way as they tried to grab the last few seats left on Ajax's bandwagon.

My, how the fickle fluctuate.

Let's look at Heidelberg United, well what's left of it.

Eight Heidelberg players attended the after-match medal ceremony. The others slunk quickly into the dressing room at the end of the game, their tails and egos trailing behind them. What they may not have realised is that there were thousands of eyes peering at them as they insulted their opponents by their absence.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



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VICTORIAN AMPOL CUP

Their act was despicable, deserving of the most scathing rebuke from the Heidelberg committee and fans. Their act typified their attitude toward playing for Heidelberg and new coach Ken Morton.

Jamie Paton's thoroughly undisciplined performance deserves special mention.

Jamie's a friend of mine. Nevertheless, I want my comments about his action and attitude to go on record. And as Jamie, I'm duty bound to my individual ethic. When a player comes on as a substitute in the 67th minute and is sent off eight minutes later, his pretensions to a label as a "professional player" are in question.

I don't think Paton is happy at Heidelberg. I don't think he enjoys his game anymore. And that's sad.

Especially so for a player who only two seasons ago, was playing for Australia.

That adage "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing" can be applied to a few players at Heidelberg.

One of the most insidious aspects of our coaching course structure is that far too many players are gaining their senior badges.

We must not look ourselves into the thought that the senior badge goes with it as yet unpublicised secrets to the definition of every act performed in soccer or to the way every such act must be performed.

Too many of our top players are "coaches", well qualified ones at that. Their knowledge directly threatens the credibility of their own coach. Some say that's a good thing. All true coaches, whatever that may mean, should have this knowledge, whatever this knowledge is. I'm certainly

not privy to such soccer "secrets" and, thank God, I don't coach Heidelberg.

I met another pal of mine earlier in the Ampol Cup series. I think it was the Hellas v Morwell Falcons clash. This friend was critical of the way the teams gave the ball away.

I thought that the game was thoroughly entertaining because of the amount of chances created. From a "true coaching" point of view I was being incredibly naive. However, I enjoyed the game while he was left to ponder the inadequacies of the combatants' ability to hold possession. Poor fool, him.

Sigmund Freud's greatest failing was that he concentrated upon the negative aspects of the human personality. Despite his undoubted contribution to the fields of psychotherapy and psychiatry, he forgot how to perceive a healthy personality.

I haven't forgotten how to enjoy soccer.

Back to the McKendry critics. "He (McKendry) suppresses flair. It's all this short, interpassing stuff. It's deadly dull," they bellow, ever louder when in the clutches of an alcoholic haze.

That these critics are correct then David Smallman will be transfer-listed immediately.

How dare Smallman have the audacity to play a 50 metre high ball to Paul Lewis in the 26th minute for Ajax's first goal!

As if that's not sanguineous enough, this former Welsh international upstart had the cheek to curl the ball over the head of Jeff Oliver who, amazingly, didn't come out of goal to collect it. Instead, he hooked the ball under the diving goalkeeper and into goal from just six metres out.

It was a disgusting display from Lewis who should have come off his defender and ran toward Smallman to receive the ball at his feet. Or so the critics tell me.

He'll have to go!

This heretic and his trea-



Bobby Toal, Ajax's crack striker, about to slip past fallen Heidelberg defender Charlie Yankos. Pictured by LES SHORROCK.

cherous flair threaten to corrode the essence of the supposed McKendry way of playing.

Smallman first covered himself in shame when he played a long, through ball to quicksilver Paul Lewis in the first half. Lewis motored toward Jeff Oliver who, amazingly, didn't come out of goal to collect it.

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A superb interpassing move,

much more acceptable stuff, in the 61st minute, led to Ajax's second goal. Peter Paton, the tall Williams or Boyle caught the Heidelberg defence with its pants down. Boyle ran through, stroked the ball past Oliver from 12 metres and into the empty goal. McKendry must have been fuming by now.

Smallman had one more major indiscretion to commit. It came in the 78th minute. He should have chipped the ball to the back post where a couple of team mates were waiting. Instead, his lack of discipline got the better of him so he curled a low free kick through a couple of players and under the diving body of Oliver at the near post.

John Yzendoorn had time in the 71st minute to effect a better headed clearance. Instead, he headed straight to the feet of Smallman who plucked past the defender and definitely should have passed the ball short rather than curve it into the top far corner of goal. McKendry must have been fuming by now.

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among Ajax players. Toal came off his opponent in the 90th minute only to watch in dismay as team mate Williams thumped home a 30 metre shot into the roof of the net. McKendry was at his wit's end.

But he should take heart in the knowledge that Ajax can and will improve. God help the rest of State League.

Things may get worse if players like Gary Cole stumble and fumble off the ball, the way they do when in possession.

Then there's goalkeeper Oliver. He caught a dose of the Patons near the end and started fighting with Peter Boyle.

Come to think of it, not only did the ball fall off for the Bergers, they went rolling down Swan Street and don't look likely to be replaced. Ajax humbled Hellas in the semi-final and humiliated Heidelberg in the final.

Derek Lenough, can hold his head high. He never gave up in his first full game in anger for the yellow and blacks. He looked like the only Heidelberg forward capable of scoring.

Heidelberg won't win the national league this year. It won't even finish in the top four, the best news my bank manager has had in a long time because I've got a hefty bet on Sydney City to finish above the Bergers in the NSL. I think I can collect immediately.

But all is not lost for Heidelberg. I'm led to believe that there are quite a few NSL outfits as bad and that's the biggest condemnation of Australian soccer's premier competition one can imagine.

Ajax has only Croatia to contend with as it defends its State League championship.

This cup final win by Ajax will be long remembered. Years later, kind-hearted Victorian soccer fans will talk about a certain Sunday afternoon at Olympic Park when the green and whites from the Keilor tip rubbish their more glamorous foes.

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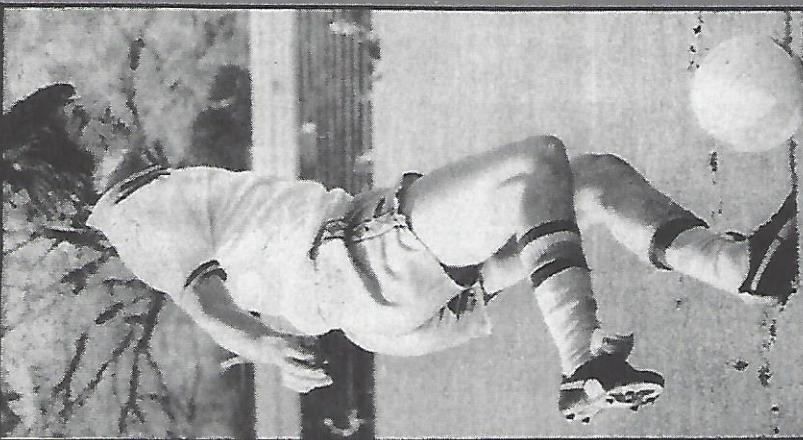


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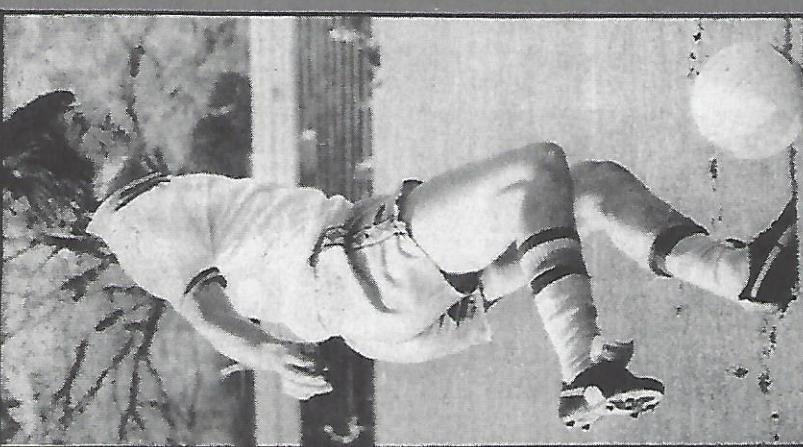
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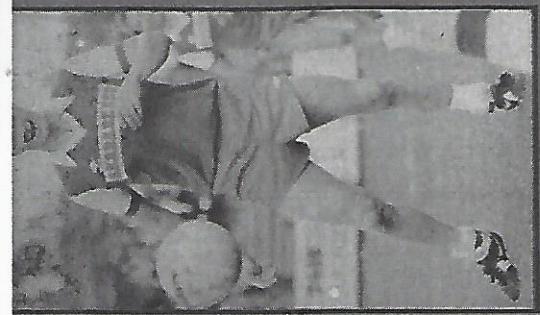
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ROUND 1 — April 17
Canberra Arrows v Heidelberg
Brisbane City v St. George
Sydney City v Newcastle K.B.
South Melbourne v Wollongong City
Preston v Newcastle K.B.
Brisbane Lions v Footscray
Marconi v Sydney Olympic
Leichhardt v Adelaide City

ROUND 2 — April 24
Heidelberg v Newcastle K.B.
St. George v Brisbane Lions
Brisbane City v Sydney City
Wollongong City v Leichhardt
Sydney Olympic v Preston
Marconi v West Adelaide
Leichhardt v Preston
Footscray v Marconi
Adelaide City v Sydney Olympic

ROUND 3 — May 1
Marconi v Heidelberg
Brisbane City v St. George
Canberra Arrows v Wollongong City
Sydney City v Brisbane City
South Melbourne v Newcastle K.B.
West Adelaide v Leichhardt
Sydney Olympic v Footscray
Preston v Adelaide City

ROUND 4 — June 19

Heidelberg v Newcastle K.B.
St. George v Brisbane Arrows
Brisbane City v Sydney City
Wollongong City v Leichhardt
Sydney Olympic v Preston
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ROUND 5 — June 26
Brisbane City v Heidelberg
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ROUND 6 — July 3
Canberra Arrows v Heidelberg
Brisbane City v Footscray
Brisbane City v Sydney City
South Melbourne v Wollongong City
Preston v Newcastle K.B.
Brisbane Lions v Footscray
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ROUND 7 — July 10
Heidelberg v Newcastle K.B.
St. George v Brisbane Lions
Brisbane City v Sydney City
Wollongong City v Leichhardt
Sydney Olympic v Preston
Marconi v West Adelaide
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ROUND 8 — July 17
Heidelberg v Newcastle K.B.
St. George v Canberra Arrows
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Heidelberg v Newcastle K.B.
St. George v Canberra Arrows
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ROUND 10 — July 31
Heidelberg v Newcastle K.B.
St. George v Footscray
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ROUND 11 — August 7
Heidelberg v Newcastle K.B.
St. George v Brisbane Arrows
Brisbane City v Canberra Arrows
Wollongong City v Newcastle K.B.
Leichhardt v Sydney City
Newcastle K.B. v South Melbourne
West Adelaide v Adelaide City
Adelaide City v Preston
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ROUND 12 — August 14
Heidelberg v Newcastle K.B.
St. George v Brisbane Arrows
Brisbane City v Canberra Arrows
Wollongong City v Newcastle K.B.
Leichhardt v Sydney City
Newcastle K.B. v South Melbourne
West Adelaide v Adelaide City
Adelaide City v Preston
Footscray v Sydney Olympic

ROUND 13 — June 5 & 12
St. George v Heidelberg
Wollongong City v Footscray
Brisbane City v Sydney City
South Melbourne v Wollongong City
Preston v Newcastle K.B.
Brisbane Lions v Footscray
Marconi v Sydney Olympic
Leichhardt v Adelaide City

ROUND 14 — June 19
Heidelberg v Newcastle K.B.
St. George v Brisbane Arrows
Brisbane City v Sydney City
Wollongong City v Leichhardt
Sydney Olympic v Preston
Marconi v West Adelaide
Brisbane Lions v South Melbourne
Canberra Arrows v Sydney City

ROUND 15 — June 26
Brisbane City v Heidelberg
Marconi v St. George
Newcastle K.B. v Footscray
Leichhardt v Sydney Olympic
Preston v Marconi
West Adelaide v Brisbane Lions
South Melbourne v Canberra Arrows
Sydney City v Adelaide City

ROUND 16 — July 3
Brisbane City v Heidelberg
Marconi v St. George
Newcastle K.B. v Footscray
Leichhardt v Sydney Olympic
Preston v Marconi
West Adelaide v Brisbane Lions
South Melbourne v Canberra Arrows
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ROUND 17 — July 10
Heidelberg v Newcastle K.B.
St. George v Footscray
Brisbane City v Sydney City
Wollongong City v Newcastle K.B.
Leichhardt v Preston
Sydney Olympic v Footscray
Preston v Marconi
Adelaide City v Sydney Olympic

ROUND 18 — July 17
Heidelberg v Newcastle K.B.
St. George v Footscray
Brisbane City v Sydney City
Wollongong City v Newcastle K.B.
Leichhardt v Preston
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ROUND 19 — July 24
Heidelberg v Newcastle K.B.
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Brisbane City v Sydney City
Wollongong City v Newcastle K.B.
Leichhardt v Preston
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Adelaide City v Sydney Olympic

ROUND 20 — July 31
Heidelberg v Newcastle K.B.
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Brisbane City v Sydney City
Wollongong City v Newcastle K.B.
Leichhardt v Preston
Sydney Olympic v Footscray
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ROUND 21 — August 7
Heidelberg v Newcastle K.B.
St. George v Brisbane Lions
Brisbane City v Canberra Arrows
Wollongong City v Newcastle K.B.
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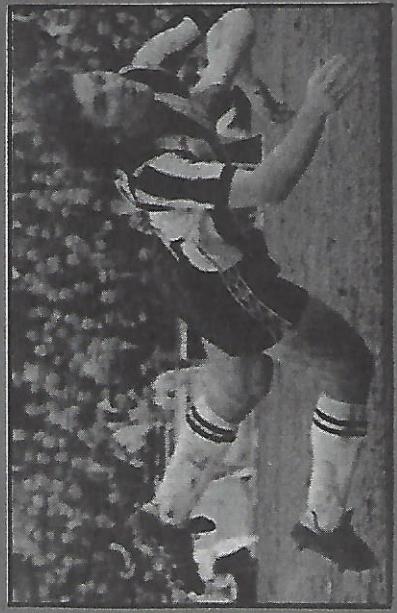
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ROUND 24 — August 28
Heidelberg v Newcastle K.B.
St. George v Footscray
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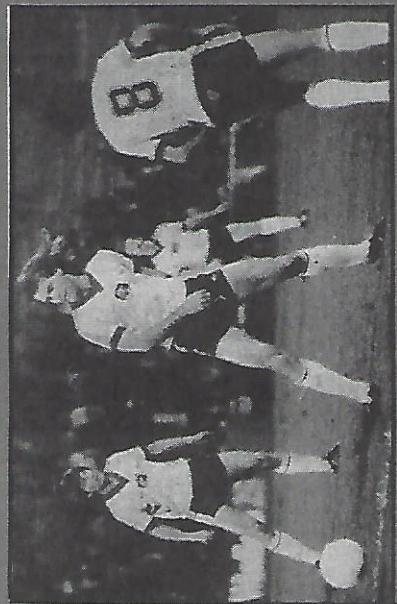
ROUND 25 — September 4
Heidelberg v Newcastle K.B.
St. George v Footscray
Brisbane City v Sydney City
Wollongong City v Newcastle K.B.
Leichhardt v Preston
Sydney Olympic v Footscray
Preston v Marconi
Adelaide City v Sydney Olympic

ROUND 26 — September 11
Heidelberg v Newcastle K.B.
St. George v Footscray
Brisbane City v Sydney City
Wollongong City v Newcastle K.B.
Leichhardt v Preston
Sydney Olympic v Footscray
Preston v Marconi
Adelaide City v Sydney Olympic

ROUND 27 — September 18
Heidelberg v Newcastle K.B.
St. George v Footscray
Brisbane City v Sydney City
Wollongong City v Newcastle K.B.
Leichhardt v Preston
Sydney Olympic v Footscray
Preston v Marconi
Adelaide City v Sydney Olympic



Adelaide City's John Nyskohus attempts a flying header at goal.



Mark Jankovic (centre) of Marconi, in action for Australia.



Sydney Olympic midfielder Jim Patties.



The Macleod brothers, Heidelberg United stopper Don (left) and Footscray JUST striker Gis.

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SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 4 (Kalamokis 45th, 75th, 82nd, 98th) ALBION ROVERS 2 (Dickson 67th, Coyle 70th) at Middle Park. Buffalo Cup second semi-final. Crowd: about 300. Referee Dale 8.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Pierro 7 - Dean, 1, Kalamokis, 2, Kaliatidis 5, Keler 6 (Penalty), 87th, Van Egmond 6, Bozivovski 6, Kalogerou 5 (Kanousoulis H.T. 8) - Abraham 5, Patrakos 6 (Kassides 61st), Kalamokis 9. Coach: Jim Armstrong.

ALBION ROVERS: Costello 6 - Ogden 3, Hennessey 7, Macleod 5, Dickson 7 (Lacock 90th) - Ferrie 5, McMillan 6, Gales 7 - Coyle 6 (Reilly 80th), D'Sylva 4, Murphy 4 (Williams 53rd 4). Coach: Hugh Murray.

An outstanding physical and technical performance from teenage South Melbourne Hellas left winger Jim Kalamokis highlighted this epic extra time battle.

Kalamokis scored all four Hellas goals with a finishing expertise attributable to a veteran international rather than a 17 year old trying to establish himself in State League football.

Albion right back Chris Ogden had a nightmare clash with this exciting youngster. Ogden was completely bamboozled by the close ball skills and acceleration of Kalamokis and had little idea of how to check the superb off-the-ball runs by the young star. To be fair to Ogden, he was given little cover by fellow defenders Frank Macleod and Dean Hennessey who took the easy way out in 40 degree heat and propped in the centre of defence for most of the match.

Yet who can blame them?

In equatorial heat fanned by a relentless north wind, referee Jim Dale decided to reduce the game to a 40 minutes each way with a half-time. He could have been even more considerate.

Albion's Hennessey had a fine first half but faded after the interval as the heat got

the better of him. This teenager has great potential. He's come from the Tulsa Roughnecks to the Albion Brassed and although he still has to come to terms with a language barrier at Selwyn Park, his class shines like a beacon on the field. It won't take Hennessey long to attract the attention of national league clubs.

Two crucial coaching moves were instrumental in turning this match around from a scrappy to a thrilling affair.

The first, just before half time, was made by Albion coach Hugh Murray. Peter Dickson wasn't playing well at left back and Albion looked man up front. Murray passed Dickson forward, a decision which was to prove vital in the second half as Dickson scored once and headed on for Albion's second goal.

The other move came from the Hellas camp. Jim Armstrong replaced George Kalogerou with John Kansouslis at half time. Kansouslis was the best midfielder on show for the remainder with just five minutes left enabled Hellas to level and take the game into extra time.

Let's look at the goals.

Hellies struck first, in the 45th minute. Kalamokis had got control on the edge of the Albion area. He then played a delightful one-two with Vlado Bozivovski, got his body in front of Bennie Ferrie as he ran onto Bozivovski's return pass and hammered a low shot past Tom Costello from about five metres out.

A disastrous blunder from Chris Kaliatidis enabled Albion to level in the 67th minute. Frank Macleod thumped a long free kick downfield. Mick D'Sylva, rarely sighted, headed on but Kaliatidis seemed in complete control. However, with Dickson bearing down on him, Kaliatidis tried to tap the ball back to goalkeeper Mark Perree. To his horror, he realised all too late that Perree had charged off his line. Dickson simply ran around Kaliatidis and tapped the ball into the unguarded goal.

The goal heralded a time out period as Dickson then, seconds later, toward the nearest bucket of water.

With just 10 minutes to go Albion scored what seemed certain to be the winner.

Dickson headed on and Kerren Coyle outprinted the defence then neatly clipped the ball past stranded Perree and into the vacant goal.

Albion players again made for the nearest water bucket, feeling a strange mixture of exhaustion and ecstasy. Kalamokis wasn't finished with them yet though.

He ran onto a Kansouslis pass in the 75th minute and hammered a low shot from 12 metres which flashed past Costello and inside the far post.

Somewhat relieved Dale allowed a lengthy break at the end of normal time.

Kalamokis struck in the second minute of extra time and Albion had slipped from looking the likely winner to staring defeat in the face. All in the space of just 12 playing minutes.

Bozivovski's shot was too hot for Costello to handle cleanly and although Kalamokis didn't strike the ball properly he did enough to send it trickling into goal to give Hellas a 3-2 lead.

Albion's chances had slumped dramatically and the game developed into a farce when second string goalkeeper Danny Lacock replaced Dickson at half time of extra time.

Either Lacock has decided to try and make his mark as an outfield player or serious doubts must be cast on the depth of Albion's squad.

Kalamokis, drawing on seemingly endless reserves of energy, scooted past three flatfooted Albion defenders in the 18th minute of extra time, rounded Costello and stroked the ball into the gaping goal.

It deserved this fine victory. It pushed the ball about better than Albion, albeit often square or back when Bozivovski was in possession.

It was a triumph for the enthusiasm of youth. And the skill of a developing star in Kalamokis.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Georgie fans restless, wee Jimmy still great

CROYDON 2 (Lia 11th, Rooney, penalty, 68th) SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 0 at Middle Park. Buffalo Cup first semi-final. Crowd: about 300. Referee: Fokianos 6.

CROYDON: Kastner 7 - Rainey 7, McCombe 7, Dobson 7, Hobson 7, Brown 7, Rooney 7 (Singleton 70th), Wade 6 - P. Loughnane 5, Irving 6, Lia 6 (L. Loughnane 65th). Coach: Colin Hassler, Bill McArthur unavailable due to business commitment.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Contini 5 - Muzzel 6, Lowe 6, Richardson 7, McKinley 6 - Scotti 5, McCann 5 (Rigby H.T. 5), Bennett 6 - Pato 6, Glider 6, McRobert 6. Coach: Tony Vella.

Sunshine-George Cross fans staged a heated series of rolling arguments among themselves and with their committee for almost an hour from Croydon had kicked out the combine from the 1983 Buffalo Cup.

It's fair to say that coach Tony Vella was the target of savage criticism. If these supporters, however, were a little more logical and a little less hysterical they'd realise that the combine's first team squad isn't good enough to win any State League honors. Indeed, the combine is peeing in the wind if it thinks it can finish in the top four this season with its current playing staff.

Mick McGowan from Frankston Pines has trained with Sunshine-George Cross. The combine shouldn't let him slip through its clutches.

Sunshine-George Cross's strike force was abysmal against the well-armed Croydon defence last Saturday. Carl Glider and Norrie Pate never looked like scoring. Jimmy McRobert tried hard with little effect.

Croydon was a far superior team unit. It boasted the most effective striker on show, Peter Loughnane, who kept running despite the oppressive heat.

Referee Jim Fokianos did little to endear himself to the Sunshine-George Cross fans. These fans screamed out for at least half a dozen penalties and when Fokianos pointed to the spot in Croydon's favor late in the game, he merely reinforced the uncomplimentary labels he had received for over an hour.

Fokianos rightly complained about the line marking sbefore the kick-off. The Hellas camp offered the limp excuse that the regular line marking man was on holidays. His fill-in is believed to be a cross-eyed alcoholic with a chronic stutter.

Jimmy Rooney never ceases to amaze. I don't want to belabor the point but his enthusiasm for the game and his capacity to work suggests that a few players in Australian soccer give the game away far too early. As long as those wee Rooney legs keep pounding around the pitch let's hope that the former Socceroo captain continues to entertain us with his deft touches and vision. In Jim Rooney, Victorian and Australian soccer has the very man to put on a pedestal as an example to youngsters aspiring to greatness in the sport here. At least half of the combine's players couldn't hold a candle to Rooney on fitness alone. A far greater number don't come anywhere near matching football wits and skill with the wee dynamo.

It took Croydon 11 minutes to send the combine packing. Newcomer Steve Irvine, bought from Doveton for \$4000 despite the appeals board confirming the \$5000 put on his head by the Doves, set up the first blow with a superb back heel lay off. Reno Lia got the ball, pushed it to Mark Brown and took off into space on the left side of the combine's area. Brown passed back to Lia who didn't strike the ball firmly. Even then, Alan Contini couldn't stop it going into goal inside the near post although he got a hand to the ball.

Peter Loughnane went close to extending Croydon's lead twice with headers. The first was a header from the right as he straddled a defender on the right but Contini did well to dive down and smother. A minute later, Irvine played the ball inside from the left wing to Loughnane who rounded a defender but shot hard and low just wide of the near post.

Irvine sent Lia into the clear in the 55th minute but Contini charged well out from goal and smothered bravely.

Then Peter Loughnane was felled by Contini inside the area. Loughnane was on a tight angle and Contini may have been better advised to try and push Loughnane even wider rather than pull him down.

Roeny made sure from the penalty spot by striking the ball firmly into the top corner. And that was that. The combine was a beaten, straggly outfit.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



Albion's Man of the Match Dean Hennessey (left) kicks the ball away from Hellas forward Tom Petsakos.

Brown, Campbell swap?

Doug Brown may appeal to the ASF against the \$30,000 transfer fee placed on his head by Preston Makemdonia.

The former Aberdeen, Sheffield United and Clydebank striker recently ended a two year contract with Makedonia and to date has failed to agree on terms for the coming season. Makedonia though, has a trump card, a one year option, to play. It only has to offer Brown the same terms to exercise that option. "I think a move could be best for me and for Preston," said Brown.

"Coach Peter Ollerton told me that he wants me to stay. As long as I'm at Preston and training hard, Ollerton assured me that I would be part of the team."

"It's just frustrating, all this haggling over a contract."

Brown has caught the eye of Canberra coach George Murray who was first team coach at Aberdeen during Brown's stint there. However, the \$30,000 transfer fee would seem prohibitive.

As we went to press, Makedonia hadn't got back on touch with South Melbourne Hellas manager-coach Rale Basic over the pending transfer of Hellas midfielder George Campbell. Both clubs reportedly reached agreement on a \$15,000 transfer fee but Basic and Hellas were waiting to finalise the deal.

Brown has been looking for a right sided attacking player recently. He possibly chased little Joe Watson but failed. Maybe Brown could be the answer.

If Basic is interested in Brown, no doubt the pending Campbell move could be used in a swap and cash deal between Hellas and Makedonia.

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BUFFALO CUP

Croydon to win its first honor in State League

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

As we went to press, the Buffalo Cup final, between Croydon and South Melbourne Hellas, was due to be played on Sunday at Green Gully Reserve, starting at 3 pm.

Ian Loughnane recently returned from holidays, could come into the Croydon line-up at the expense of young René Lia, even though Lia scored Croydon's first goal in its 2-0 semi-final win over Sunshine Coast Crusaders.

If Ian Loughnane plays, then he'll probably work off newcomer Steve Irvine who laid off a couple of fine balls last Saturday and no doubt will knit into Croydon's style even more efficiently in coming weeks.

Croydon's most impressive line last weekend was its defence. And that could hold the key to the outcome of the final.

South Melbourne Hellas played a great deal of importance on the striking prowess of teenage winger Jim Kalambolis. His attacking cohorts, Tom Patsakos and Pepe Abramam, must give him good support on Sunday.

Ian Dobson is a class sweeper. His most crucial task in the final will be to provide good cover for right back Mike Rainey, the man with the daunting task of trying to tame

Likely line-ups:

CROYDON			
Mike RAINEY	Ian KASTNER	Steve MC COMBE	Gary HOBSON
Mark BROWN	Jimmy ROONEY	Paul WADE	Ian LOUGHNANE
Peter LOUGHNANE	Steve IRVINE	Ian LOUGHNANE	
S.M. HELLAS			
Danny DAVIDSON	Steve KAKANTONIS	Chris KALIFATIDIS	Tony KAISER
Nick VAN EGMOND	Vlado BOZINOVSKI	John KANASOLIS	Jim ARAHAM
Pepe ABRAAM	Tom PATSAKOS	KALAMBOKIS	

Kalambolis.

Mark Brown's emergence as a midfielder is an added bonus for Croydon which boasts evergreen Jim Rooney and the elegant Paul Wade in this department.

This trio however, won't have it all its way. Vlado Bozinovski and Nick van Egmond are regarded as two of the most promising midfielders in Victorian soccer.

After last weekend's semi-finals you can add John Kanasolis' name to that list.

Kanasolis clearly was Hellas' best midfielder against Albion Rovers. He came on as a half time substitute for George Kalogerou and unless eyes deceived me last Saturday, should be in the starting line-up this weekend. Kanasolis was most impressive.

It's not simply a matter of youthful enthusiasm for Hellas in midfield. Skill abounds and will be seen at its best once these young players gain in confidence.

It's hard to see them downing the more experienced Croydon though.

Croydon is in with a chance of gaining its first State League honor if it just failed to down Ajax in the 1981 Ampol Cup, going down 3-2 thanks to a late time goal from Gus MacLeod.

It won't have a better chance of grabbing a State League honor on Sunday.

After tipping Ajax to beat Heidelberg in the Ampol Cup I'm getting a bit biased about my predicting ability.

Croydon will win. No doubt about it.

MIRACLE WORKER AT SCHINTLER: Is it Big Gus or James O'Reilly (by the way, the best player in the Ampol Cup series) or is it Danny McCluskey (he's been known to work miracles between the posts)? It must be somebody, because right now Schintler Reserve is the greenest park in Melbourne. Maybe it is "Bobby Mac", the Footscray Messiah. Why, only last week, I saw him walking across Albert Park Lake. Can you just picture the wee man every training night, turning buckets of wine into water for the pitch? "Dan wan o' yon miracles, Bobby." Brilliant!

By the way, my son, just watch out it doesn't become one of 'excuse me, Baby, would you mind crooking your legs. We've only got one nail left.'

• BACK IN THE GAME: John Taylor, affectionately known as "Rob Haw the Glesga Glutton", has signed for Heidelberg Bundoora. His reason for signing? He thought Heidelberg Bundoora was a cake.

CUP FEVER: The Albion Rovers players wanted to know if they won the "Buffalo Cup", would they have got to go to Texas?

• SUPER-FIT TEAM: That is the aim of Prahan City's new coach Frank Campbell. Frank is well on his way to achieving this aim; he's already got the boys doing their paper route.

• NEW SIGNING: Polonia is about to sign a new centre-half and it's none other than the golden voice of the Windsor Castle Hotel, Danny McCluskey (Or will it now be Danny McCluski?) Heard Danny has just released a new record entitled: "When you Walkaki

through a Stormaid." Bound to be No. 1 on the Polish hit parade. Seriously folks, if you want to hear a very professional entertainer, go along to the "Castle" and listen to Danny and his band (the rhythm and blues).

MEN AT WORK: Did you know the MacLeod brothers, Donny and Gus, work together at the Yooralla Society in South Melbourne?

Donny is a test-driver for the wheelchairs, while Gus is constantly under pressure. See, he's got to blow up the tyres on the wheelchairs.

• DINK OF THE YEAR: Ten big points to Danny, because the former St. Kilda, Frankston City, Prahan City and Kew City player is now playing with: Hamm! Forget her name at the moment. Webbie reckons he deserves his rest on the old Toninte after a hard day at the "Castle", contemplating a job.

• THE CLASH: Tickets will be on sale soon for the forthcoming clash between Lyndale Utd and Mumumbene. Why is it all ticket? More in future editions.

• MORE DINKS: Davie "Casper" Stuart (Albion Rovers) gets nine big points for when he was telling me about "A guy who was dabbled in" Cracker, Casper. Another nine big points to Victoria's right back (I don't know his name) who spotted a great-looking "Shelia" up in Brisbane last week. Excellent, Big Yin.

• EDITOR'S NOTE: For those in the dark, the Doc's "Dink award" is for outstanding examples of the ocker language or way of life.



Danny McCluskey



Dave Webb

LAUGHS WITH THE DOC

By JOE DOCHERTY



Water-walker at J.U.S.T?



NEW SHINPADS



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CUP RESULTS

Results of last weekend's first preliminary round of the Metro League Cup:

Moorabbin 4 Rosebud 1; Melbourne 4 Keilor East 0; Nunawading 1 City 1 Ringwood Utd Serbia 0; Keysborough defeated St Albans 6-5 on penalties; Moreland 2 Broad-

meadows 1; South Oakleigh v Doncaster (not played); North Dandenong v Preston Makdeonia (not played); Frankston Pines 1 Springvale City 0; Thomastown 1 Greensborough 0; Nth Geelong 3 Mornington 6; Bell Park 1 Richmond 2; Dandenong City 2 Waverley City 1; Heidelberg Utd 1 Hawthorn 4; Geelong 0 Western Suburbs 3; Karingal 5 Fer-

ntree Gully 1; Werribee 0 Knox City 1; Ardeer 1 Footscray J.U.S.T. 2; Altona City defeated Altona Gate 5-4 on penalties; Royal Richmond 2 Brighton 1; Hamlyn Rangers defeated Sunbury Utd 5-4 on penalties.

Results of last weekend's first preliminary round of the Provisional League Cup:

Melton 3 Diamond Valley 1; Parkmore 0 Mitcham 2; Brunswick City 1 Abbotsford 6; South Yarra 3 East Carlton 2; Yarraville 3 Malvern City 2; Kooyong 3 Kyneton 3; Geelong 0 Bell Park 2; Mordialloc 5 Dingley 1; Clifton Hill 3 Central City 1; Bulleen 5 Pascoe Vale 4; East Brunswick 6; Burnley 6; Clayton 4; Hawksburn 1; Regent 2 Altona Utd 4; Boronia 2 Carbone 0; Holland Park 4 Berwick City 1; Batman Lazio 0 Hampton Wanderers 1; Murrumbeena 0 Cheltenham 2; Seafood Utd 1 Langwarrin 2; West Brunswick 0 Port Utd 2; University of Melbourne 2 Nunawading Utd 1.

Results of last weekend's first preliminary round of the Provisional League Reserve Cup:

Pascoe Vale 0 Clarinda 4; University of Melbourne 8 Clayton 0; Cranbourne 4 West Brunswick 2; Brunswick City 2; Monash Utd 1; Langwarrin 1; Lalor Utd 0; Holland Park 7 Parkmore 0; Altona Utd 3 Nunawading Utd 1; Regent 2 Yarraville 3; Clifton Hill 4 Nth Sunshine 0; Carlton 4 Mossfield Rangers 3; South Yarra 6 Melton 8; Diamond Valley 2 Mitcham 0; Hawksburn 11 Burnley 0; Malvern City 1 East Brunswick 2; Boronia 5 Dallas City 4; Batman Lazio 1 Bulleen 2; Central City 0 Lyndale Utd 6.

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Ajax celebrates Sunday's Ampol Cup triumph. From left: Lou Denys, Mario Berg (team manager), David Hobson, Stuart Cannell, Peter Boyle (holding the cup), Paul Lewis (obscured), Peter Lewis.

Vasic spurs Richmond

Footscray J.U.S.T. must be blushing after last week's 4-1 loss to Metro First Division outfit Richmond in a friendly game.

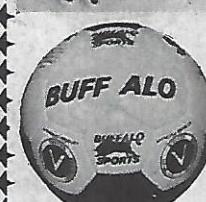
Richmond made J.U.S.T. look pretty ordinary, in fact young Richmond winger, 17-year-old Andy Koutaos, ran rings around Igor Hazabent. The experienced Hazabent lost his cool, took part in an off-the-ball incident involving young Koutaos, and was sent off.

Dragan Vasic, recently signed by Richmond from J.U.S.T., scored twice against his former team mates.

Richmond has signed Gerry

Edmonson from Frankston Pines for \$1500, Mirko Rujevic, on a free from Northcote and looks like having a strong aqua this season.

Player-coach Mike Kupinic is confident that his team will be challenging for championships honors in 1983.



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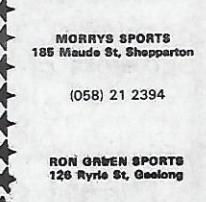
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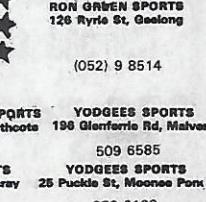
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Utility player Billy Rae is available for transfer from Morialloc for only \$500.

Rae, 33, who excels as sweeper or midfield, formerly played for Box Hill, Albion Rovers, Hakoah and Melbourne.

★ ★

John Scholten wants a club. He's approached the VSF and is asking for a free transfer from Bell Park.

The experienced goalkeeper previously played with Sunshine. He can be contacted at work on 841 0222 or at home on 873 4308.

★ ★

Provisional League club Lyndale United signed Alan Whittaker from Frankston Pines last Monday.

Lyndale also is rumored to be keen to sign Mark Robertson from Knox City.

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Paolo Rossi — counting up the coins and forgetting the goals?

Italy's World Cup here and European Player of the Year Paolo Rossi is now a fallen idol with some Juventus fans who are hounding him from pillar to post over his poor scoring record recently. The locals reckon that Rossi, who is cashing in as a male model, is too busy counting his money to bother too much about finding the net.

Moore loss?

Former England soccer star Bobby Moore may lose his \$5,000-a-month luxury flat in Hong Kong. Eastern Athletic, the top Hong Kong club where Bobby is a \$2,600-a-week coach, has failed to pay the rent.

Angry Taylor

Graham Taylor, who has taken Watford from the Fourth Division to near the top of the First Division with a straight no-nonsense type soccer, is turning over criticism he has received as assistant coach of England youth side. Inference has been that Taylor is using the Watford long passing game to achieve his aims with the youngsters — something he strongly denies. He is likely to quit the youth post after the European Youth Championships in May.

Viv to go

Latest shock to emerge from Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest is that England defender Viv Anderson is up for sale for an expected \$500,000 fee. Clough recently bought Aston Villa defender Kenny Swain for a mere \$60,000 to fill a gap when Anderson was



Paolo Rossi and an Italian fan celebrate one of Rossi's World Cup goals.

HOFF BEAT THE DOC AND RUDI

Although both Tommy Docherty and Rudi Gutendorf were leading contenders for the post of Austrian team manager, it was the relatively unknown Eric Hoff who gained the appointment.

Hoff, who made 36 appearances for Austria as a centre or inside forward, had guided FK Austria to three successive league championships before resigning on April 1 last year following a disagreement with the club's president.

The Austrian federation initially appointed the former Wiener SK player for a trial period of three months before extending his contract until July 1983.

Under the 49 year old Hoff, Austria won its three opening European Championship fixtures and this, combined with West Germany's shock loss in Belfast, gives it a great chance of qualifying for the finals from Group Six.

— PAUL MOON

Rudi Gutendorf



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From JIM COOK
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Champion!

Bob Sutherland, the former Glasgow Rangers footballer whose career ended in 1968 with a knee injury, has turned up in another sport. Bob recently won the indoor singles bowls championship of the world.

Gould fine

Bristol Rovers boss Bobby Gould, ex-Chelsea star, fined himself \$400 for calling a referee a cheat. And Gould is likely to face an F.A. ban or fine in addition.

Poaching

Derby County has been ordered to pay Bradford City \$110,000 compensation for illegally poaching the Yorkshire club's player manager — Roy McFarland, a former Derby and England international. It was the first-ever price fixed by the Football League Commission on a managerial transfer. Bradford was seeking \$400,000.

Brooke hurt

Spurs' midfielder Gary Brooke is recovering in an intensive care unit after suffering head injuries and cracked ribs in a car crash.

Marry me

Soccer fan George Warder used a giant stadium to write an early Valentine message of love.

George, 27, of Childwall, Liverpool, sneaked into the Anfield ground before the crowds arrived on Saturday and tipped the seats in the Kenilworth Road stand to read: "Marry Me."

His girlfriend Jan McLarath, 24, from Tarbock, Merseyside, spotted the message immediately — and accepted it.

Hinton goes

Ex-Derby County winger Alan Hinton has been dumped as coach of Seattle Sounders. Hinton had been at the Sounders' helm for two seasons. Cliff McGrath, coach of Seattle Pacific University, is tipped to take over with the Sounders.

Cup draw

The draw for the quarter-finals of the English F.A. Cup, to be played on Saturday, March 12, Crystal Palace or Burnley v. Sheffield Wednesday; Middlesborough or Arsenal v. Aston Villa; Manchester United v. Everton; Brighton v. Norwich.

Cash squeeze

Ipswich Town ordered a cash squeeze within the club only days after opening a new stand. Club chairman Patrick Cobbold, head of brewery, told directors will have to pay their own fares to some away matches while the Ipswich practice of flying to some of the games has ended.

Mora back

El Salvador's World Cup goalscorer Mora, who conceded 10 goals in the game against Hungary in the World Cup at Elche, has been asked back to Spain to coach a local side at the same stadium.

Robson best

Jimmy Greaves, the former Spurs and England star now carving a name for himself on T.V. and as a columnist with several publications, reckons there is only one player in the Football League who could benefit Italian soccer — Bryan Robson, the Manchester United and England midfielder and Britain's costliest player. Greaves once played for A.C. Milan.



\$3,000 Best?

George Best, who still has big unresolved tax problems, can always pick up more than a crust. Southern League side Waterlooville is offering the former Manchester United star \$3,000 to turn out with it when it plays the Maltese national side later in the season.

Italy shoddy

Italy must be wondering if its World Cup Final win was a dream for it hasn't won a match since beating West Germany 3-1. Three draws in the European Championship including a recent shoddy display against lowly Cyprus, means Italy faces a tough task to qualify for the 1984 European finals in a group that also includes Czechoslovakia, Romania and Sweden.

N'Kono tops

Thomas N'Kono, Cameroon's World Cup keeper now with Espanol, has been



Cameroon international goalkeeper Thomas N'Kono — voted the best foreign player in Spain.

voted "Best Buy of the Season" for all foreign players in the Spanish League. Denmark's Laudrup, also of Espanol, was second, Argentinian's Berbat of Zaragoza third, with Holland's Johnny Metgod of Real Madrid fourth. Completely out of contention were Diego Maradona and Berni Jakic who tied for 11th spot.

Aas quits

Einar Aas, the 27 year old Norwegian international who cost Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest \$200,000 from Bayern Munich under two years ago and has only played 21 games for the club, has been forced to quit soccer through a recurring groin injury. Aas had not played for Forest for 15 months after breaking his leg and rupturing ankle ligaments against Sunderland.

200 for Bob

Bob Latchford, the former Everton and England striker, currently with Swansea has now notched up over 200 goals in his Football League career.

Cup cut

Condensed Milk Cup? That's what it has been called next season as moves are afoot to reduce the competition to 32 clubs.

King Charlie

Charlie Nicholas, the 21 year old Celtic striker who has

SOCER AROUND THE WORLD

Imagination

A book has been published about Rachid Mekhloufi, the Algerian international team boss, with the title: "Imagination At The End Of Your Feet."

Review back?

Former England and Leeds United manager Don Revie is planning to retire after two more seasons as boss of Dubai side Al Nasr. Revie then wants to return to England to run an amateur team.

Stuart axed

Chelsea's chief scout, Ron Stuart, who formerly managed Blackpool, has been axed in an economy drive. Stuart, who has been with the club 16 years, will be replaced by a part-time scout.

Hail Francis

Trevor Francis hasn't played a full game for Sampdoria for six months through injuries but the fans haven't forgotten him. At their recent game supporters held a 25-yard-long banner declaring "Trevor, we're all with you" while his name was chanted throughout.

Robertson free

Former Hearts and Dundee United left winger has been freed by Hibernian and can be contacted on 031-668-1262 which includes the code of Edinburgh. Player is Malcolm Robertson.

Rangers offer

Rangers, in the doldrums all season, are on the verge of making a substantial double-barrelled offer for two Dundee stars 25-year-old defender Cammie Fraser and 20-year-old striker Ian Ferguson.

Milutinovic

New team boss of Mexico's national team — Yugoslav Boro Milutinovic will be coach to French side Nancy. He will also coach club side Universidad de Mexico.

Czech cut

Czechoslovakia is whittling its top league down from 16 clubs to



Trevor Francis in training — still trying to shrug off a series of injuries.

14 mainly to help preparations for its national side

\$24 mil boos

Tottenham Hotspur has a move in the pipeline which would fill Wembley Stadium as well as wiping out its massive \$8 million debt. Wembley officials have given Spur the O.K. to promote a repeat of the recent American Superbowl final between Washington Redskins and Miami Dolphins. Spur currently are negotiating with film producer John Marshall on the project but they must come to terms with the American football authorities to have the game in August off the ground. The commercial value of the match alone in America was worth \$24 million.



El Salvador international goalie, Mora, watches helplessly as a Belgian shot finds the mark in the 1982 World Cup finals. Mora is going back to Spain to coach.

JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

LEKCIJA NACIONALNOJ LIGI I AUSTRA-LJI

Dupli program na Olympic Parku zasluzio je veću posetu. Svakako 10.000 ljudi nisu za bacanje, ali to je daleko od broja gledalaca na sličnim utakmicama u prošloj deceniji. Publika je izgubila poverenje u današnje igre, koji su razmazeni, precenjeni i preplaćeni. Da je to tako, najbolje pokazuju rezultati finalnih utakmice sa Ampol kup u Melburnu. Prvak Drzavne lige Green Gully Ajax pregazio je Heidelberg Aleksandra sa 5:0 (1:0), što je veliki samar klubovima Nacionalne lige, koji treba da budu elita našeg nogometnog. Pokazalo se i ovog puta da je veliki igrači ne moraju biti veliki tim. Na srecu, Green Gully ima dobre igrače, ali i dobar tim, kojima je uspeh na zelenom polju vazniji od novčane nagrade. Nijihov uspeh nije slučajan. Igrali su nereseno sa Makedonijom, iako su bili bolji, ali neiskusni. Pobedili su zatim JUST-a sa 1:0 i Helasa sa 2:0.

Vreme je da igrači Nacionalne lige izvuku pouku iz ovog Ampol kupa, koji je otkrio njihove slabosti zbog kojih je sve manje gledalačka na nasim stadionima. Osigledno je da lažne veličine, uključujući trenere, gospodare Nacionalnog liga Australije. Takav duh se preneo na reprezentaciju Australije, koja ne može da izđeđe na kraju sa skromnim igracima Novog Zelanda. Dva poraza za pet dana ne mogu se opravdati nikakvom razlozima, iako Australija ova put nije igrala slabu, čak je bila doigrodog protivnika. Sta sve to vredi, kada se na kraju utakmice racunaju golovi.

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PROVIZORALNI KUP

R E G E N T — A L T O N A U N I T E-D/VJOVODINAS 2:4 (2:1). Streliči: Slobodan Dimitrijević i Miki Četković. Vojvodina se razigrala tek posle odmora, kada je pregazila umornog domaćina. Najbolji igrači: Tome Dimovski, Paul Gallo i Miki Četković.

Reserva Vojvodine se takodje plasirala u drugo kolo, posto je pobedila Nunawading United sa 3:1 (2:0). Streliči: Petar Krušić i Jim Fernandez. NUNAWADING CITY — RINGWOOD UNITED/SRBIA 1:0 (0:0). Herov ove utakmice bio je Jimmy Milisavljević, koji je spasio svom tim od težeg poraza. Branio je kao mlađim danima, kada je uspešno cuvao mrežu JUST-a i u reprezentaciji Australije. Navala Srbije je imala lepe sanse, ali nepriznate pucace.

ALTONA GATE/VARDAR — ALTONA CITY 4:5 na jedanaestercu. Utakmica se posle produžetaka od 20 minuta završila neresen 0:0. Igraci Altona City su iskoristili svih 5 jedanaestercu, dok je najbolji i najsluskuniji igrač Vardara Milan Micevski promasio protivniku mrežu sa bele tacke. Altona Gate je igrala bez Borisa Gelevskog, koji se istog dana ozenoša sa simpatičnom Mary, takođe Makedonom, rođenom u Melburnu. Svadbeno veselje je održano u Makedonskom socijalnom centru u Epingu.

Nije odigrana utakmica između drugog tima Makedonije i North Dandenonga, jer su gosti odobili da igraju na pomocnom igralistu u Reservoiru!

Holland Park je pregazio rezervu Plavog Dunava sa 7:0 (4:0).

HAWKSBUCK — CLAYTON 1:4 (1:2). Jedini gol je postigao Janos savo u 22. minutu. Neste božji od ostalih bili su Stejan Kanton, Slavko Viši i Jani Palo. Neuspeli prvičima popravila je rezerva Hawksburna koja je katalofalno pobedila Burnley sa 11:0 (3:0). Streliči: Vili Garamsegi 4, Steve Bleskanj 3, Joe Forai 2, Slavko Drlić i George Antal po jedan.

Reserva BRATSTVA/JEDINSTVA će verovatno ispasti iz kupa zbog administrativne greške. Sekretar nije primetio da rezervne utakmice pocinju u 1 po podne, pa je pozvao igrače da dodiju na igralistu oko dva sata. Sudija i gosti iz Seaforda su cekali 30 minuta i razisili se svojim kucama.

DRUGO KOLO PROVIZORALNOG I METROPOLITAN KUPA

U subotu 5. marta igra se drugo kolo Metropolitana i Provizorala kupa. Drugi tim JUST-a gostuje u Coburgu. Utakmica pocinje u 2:45 po podne. Altona United/Vojvodina dočekuje na svom igralistu Geelong United. Carlton/Mladost je domaćin Macleod United, dok Springvale United odlazi u goste East Brunswick ili Burnley. I Lalor/Sloga odlazi u goste Claytonu.

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BRISBANE CITY v BRISBANE LIONS Perry Park k.o. 3pm

MARCONI v SYDNEY CITY Bossley Park k.o. 3pm

ST. GEORGE v SYDNEY OLYMPIC Barton Park 3pm

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NEWCASTLE K.B. UN v LEICHHARDT International Sports Centre 3pm

CANBERRA CITY v WOLLONGONG CITY Seiffert Oval Queanbeyan 7pm